

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 21, please amend the paragraph beginning at line 21 as follows:

The next part of the design process is to solve the problem or most ~~likely~~likely cause of the problem. When the causes of debonding are known, the next design task/stage is to solve the problem. That is: How to prevent the perforate skin debonding from the honeycomb?

Page 23, please amend the paragraph beginning at line 6 as follows:

It has been found during evaluation with teams of aerospace designers that the system is very easy and intuitive to use, making for example, designers willing to capture rationale as it is developed, rather than at the end of a project. This makes the design process overall faster; more consistent and more rigorous. The view of the rationale structure is comprehensive and clearer to see and understand, (both by users and others), than say design notebooks or a software tool. Because the design tool is automated it can be accessed by teams in different locations, for example by way of encrypted links ~~via~~via the internet. Use of the system tool therefore improves the design process and captures rationale as a valuable ~~bi-product~~by-product for use by subsequent design teams.